Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/611,563	BERARDI
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Daniel A. Hess	2876	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *Applicant's amendment and arguments of 6/20/2007*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *1-4,7-15,19,23-43 and 46-62*.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some*   c) ☐ None   of the:

        1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

        2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .

        3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

    (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

        1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

    (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948).

3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date *7/6/07; 8/31/07*

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to Applicant's amendments and arguments of 6/20/2007, along

with filing of terminal disclaimers with respect to US Patent Nos. 7,070,112, 6,749,123,

6,764,014, 6,581,839 and US Application No. 10/394,914.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4,7-15,19,23-43 and 46-62 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Applicant has resolved all remaining issues by filing Terminal Disclaimers

with respect to US Patent Nos. 7,070,112, 6,749,123, 6,764,014, 6,581,839 and US

Application No. 10/394,914. These terminal disclaimers have been approved and as a

result, all double patenting rejections are withdrawn.

Indeed reasons for allowance are clear from the records of both the present

Application and the above related cases. The prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest a

card having a machine recognizable compound containing an infrared blocking material

over the whole surface of the card, such that the card or a portion thereof is transmissive

to visible light all the way through.

The extensive prosecution history in this and the above related cases details the

various relevant prior art and its shortcomings. Some of the closest art consists of

infrared blocking material as a coding on the surface of a transparent card. The blocking

material in such art is not continuous over the surface, a critical feature of the Instant

Invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than

the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

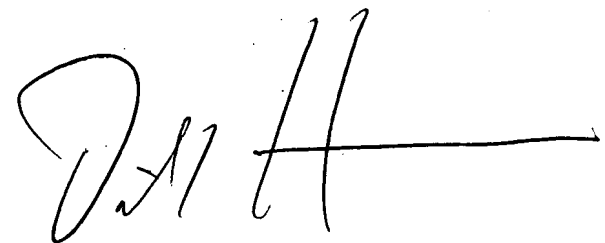Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Daniel A. Hess whose telephone number is (571) 272-

2392. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number

for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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9/04/2007

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